water as a result passengers have to face great difficulties;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any scheme for providing the potable water on the said Stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c). Adequate potable water supply arrangements commensurate with the volume of passenger traffic already exists at Agra Cantt, Firozabad, Mathura and Etah Railway stations. Augmentation of the existing arrangements will be considered whenever so warranted.

Profit/Loss in Bokaro Steel Plant

159. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant and its capital cost at present;

(b) the amount spent after the said Plant became operational; and

(c) the loss and profit of the above Plant during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) of SAIL with an annual capacity of 1.7 million tonne of ingot steel was set up at a cost of Rs. 981.34 crore.

The present capital cost of this steel plant (Gross block plus capital work in progress) as on 31.3.1996 is estimated at Rs.5463.56 crore.

(b) The total amount spent (upto 1.7 million tonnes and including the further expansion to 4 million tonne) till 31-3-1996 is estimated at Rs. 4540.69 crore.

(c) The profit of BSL for the lst three years is given below:

Year	Profit (Rs. in crore)
1993-94	468
1994-95	662
1995-96	806

Number of Post Offices in Bihar

160. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN Alias PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices operating from their own premises and from rental premises in Bihar, district-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of new Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices and Telegraph Offices likely to be opened in the State during 1996-97, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide postal facilities in every Panchayat Headquarters of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the number of residential colonies in the State for Postal and Telegraph employees, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) *Department of Post & Telecom*

The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) *Department of Post*:

The information is being collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Department of Telecom:

Six (6) number of Telegraph Offices are likely to be opened as under:

1. Kodarma 2. Chatra 3. Lakhi Sarai 4.Pakur 5. Sheohar 6. Shekhpura

(c) to (e) Department of Post & Telecom:

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Introduction of Trains From Calcutta

161. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to fulfil the demand of the people of North Eastern States to introduce more trains from Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the trains from Calcutta have to be extended to Dimapur; and

(d) if so, the time by which the trains are likely to be extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b). Introduction of trains on Indian Railways is a continuous process depending upon traffic justification, operational feasibility and resource availability. Frequency of 3045/3046 Howrah-Guwahati Saraighat Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly with effect from 1.10.96.

(c) and (d). 5659/5660 Sealdah-Guwahati Kamrup Express is proposed to be extended after the completion of gauge conversion works and development of terminal facilities at Tinsukia/Dibrugarh Town.

Kabithirtha Churulia Under Asansol

162. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that about 40 persons have applied for telephone connections from Kabithirtha Churulia under Asansol Telephone Exchange;

(b) whether the Nazrul Academy have offered a room for the proposed Telephone Exchange; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A new Telephone Exchange has been planned to be opened at Churulia during 1997-98.

[Translation]

Derailment of Trains

163. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of passenger trains/express trains/goods trains derailed in the NCT of Delhi location-wise during the last three years till date;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in respect of each case of derailment;

(c) if so, the details of the inquiry in respect of each case of derailment during the above mentioned period; and

(d) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken so far by the Government to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There were 13 derailments at different locations in the NCT of Delhi during the period 1.4.1993 to 31.10.1996. Of these 1 involved an express train, 2 passenger trains and the rest were goods trains.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Once accident each was inquired into by the Commission of Railway Safety, Senior Administrative Grade Officers, and Assistant officers. The remaining 10 accidents were inquired into by committees of Junior Administrative Grade Officers.

(d) Some of the steps taken to prevent accidents are as under :

1. The work of track circuiting has been accelerated on the trunk routes and important main lines.
2. Signalling circuitry is being changed to prevent home signal from being lowered till the starter and the advance Starter, lowered for the previous train, have been put back to 'ON' position.
3. Auxiliary warning system for giving advance warning about signals at danger to driver of the running train has already been commissioned on Bombay sub-urban sections.
4. upgradation of track structure has been done by using heavier rails and concrete sleepers.
5. The track is maintained by Tie-Tamping and ballast cleaning machines. Track is also now being laid with track renewal trains and portal cranes.
6. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscillograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.
7. Maintenance facilities for coaches and wagons have been modernised.
8. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.
9. Training facilities for drivers, guards and other staff connected with train operation have been modernised. Drivers are being trained on simulators.
10. Performance of the staff is constantly monitored. The staff whose knowledge is found deficient are counselled and are sent for refresher training.

[English]

Over Bridges at Railway Crossings

164. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that over-bridges at Liluah, Dankuni and Mourigram railway crossings are urgently needed;

(b) if so, whether the Government are also aware of the fact that the people of these areas are agitating for the construction of over bridges; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed by the Government to construct over bridges at above mentioned places?